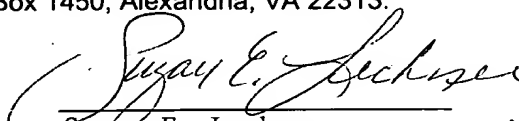




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**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

In response to the Office Action of July 14, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.

Also accompanying this response are a Request for Continued Examination, a petition for a three-month extension of time (extending the period for response to the Office Action until January 14, 2004), and the corresponding fees. It is believed that no further fees are due as a result of the present amendment. However, if any such additional fees are deemed necessary, please charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 10-0849.